

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN**

**KATHERINE A. BLANSETTE,
Plaintiff,**

v.

Case No. 15-C-1299

**CAROLYN W. COLVIN,
Acting Commissioner of the Social Security Administration
Defendant.**

ORDER

Plaintiff Katherine Blansette seeks judicial review of an unfavorable decision from the Commissioner of the Social Security Administration. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1914(a), a plaintiff must pay a filing fee to bring an action in federal court, but plaintiff requests leave to proceed in forma pauperis. Under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(1), an indigent party may commence a federal court action, without paying required costs and fees, upon submission of an affidavit asserting inability “to pay such fees or give security therefor” and stating “the nature of the action, defense or appeal and affiant’s belief that the person is entitled to redress.”

Plaintiff has filed the required affidavit, and on review I am satisfied that she meets the requirements of § 1915(a)(1). Plaintiff reports no income other than public assistance (food stamps) and no valuable assets other than a 1996 Buick, and avers that she is financially dependent on her boyfriend. Plaintiff further avers that she believes she is entitled to the relief sought in the complaint, and on review of the complaint I am unable to determine that the action is frivolous or that the complaint fails to state a claim.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that plaintiff’s petition to proceed in forma pauperis (R.

3) is **GRANTED**. The file will be returned to the Clerk of Courts for service on defendant.

Plaintiff is advised to provide defendant or her counsel with copies of all future motions or papers filed by plaintiff in this action.

Dated at Milwaukee, Wisconsin this 9th day of November, 2015.

/s Lynn Adelman
LYNN ADELMAN
District Judge